Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Governor Pat McCrory 20301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor McCrory,

We write to express our deep concerns about the passage of North Carolina House Bill 2 (HB2), and urge you to support its complete repeal.

This dangerous, unconstitutional, and unnecessary law strips critical protections from some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. While rooted in hostility towards the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, HB2 also preempts municipal non-discrimination protections for veterans and the men and women of our Armed Services.

Greensboro and Orange County, North Carolina, both passed ordinances banning discrimination based on military or veteran status more than 25 years ago. These nondiscrimination ordinances acknowledge the real discrimination servicemembers and veterans can face after serving our country in uniform. By eliminating existing municipal non-discrimination protections and prohibiting communities from passing non-discrimination ordinances in the future, HB2 severely undercuts the ability of local governments to respond to the needs of their citizens and to provide critical protections for their own communities.

By signing HB2 into law you legalized discrimination against North Carolinians who put their lives on the line in service to our country. As fellow veterans, we believe this law and your actions are unconscionable. We urge you to support the immediate repeal of HB2.

Sincerely,

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